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In re application of : **Attn: ISSUE BRANCH**
Kanji TAKADA et al. : **Confirmation No. 5848**
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TRANSMUCOSAL ABSORPTION

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.27

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby asserted that Assignee, Amato Pharmaceutical Products, Ltd., is a small entity and, accordingly, small entity status is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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